

**AYLESBURY SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Chairman's Report**

Before writing this report I reviewed what had been written in previous years of Chairman's Chatter. I have the feeling nothing changes. Concerns about the poor maintenance of roads and footpaths, ugly shop fronts, traffic congestion etc., appear regularly. On the other hand there are signs that there are some worthy proposals that will be implemented. Some limited pedestrianisation in the town centre and improvements to power supply in Market Square. Town Centre events such as Aylesbury-on-Sea, the Hallowe'en event in Friars Square, the Medieval Fair etc. add some sparkle to the town centre. Best of all are the various flower boxes placed in the road network. We compliment those responsible.

We continue to comment on planning proposals and applications. Recently these have mainly been conversions to residential use or changes to shop fronts. Some of the latter are totally out of keeping for the area. Fortunately the Historic Buildings Officer appears to be on the case.

The Society has had a full year of talks, day trips to similar sized towns to Aylesbury and a long weekend in and around Liverpool. Broadstairs and Margate were memorable for Charles Dickens and ice cream respectively. We also visited Winchester and the Christmas market. All this was organized by our indefatigable secretary, Roger King, to whom I give my personal thanks.

Question Time appeared to be enjoyed by all but the room at Rickford's Hill is not big enough to accommodate the increasing attendance arising from our increasing membership. We will look elsewhere for larger premises.

Similarly increasing attendees meant that our Christmas meal was more intimate than we wished. Again we are looking for a larger venue.

The annual quiz was once more 'constructed' by one of our members, Barbara West. From experience, I am only too well aware of the time and effort that has to be put into preparing a quiz. It was the last quiz Barbara is to concoct and we thank her for her sterling efforts in the past. A volunteer has come forward to continue the good work.

As for the future, this June is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Society. We are marking the event by an Open Day at Aylesbury Museum where drinks and snacks will be available to all that drop in. It is also intended to show photographs and a video depicting events in the past 50 years. We are also arranging for the refurbishment and repositioning of the village pump at Walton Pond. It will be taken away to be worked on and returned to

a new position on Walton Road, behind the footpath, opposite Harding House where it will be more visible than it's present location behind the reed beds.

Another significant anniversary was the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ken Evans. He has been a member of the Society for ? years and is a very active member of your committee. He continues to raise interesting and thought provoking ideas. He has campaigned for some years for more seating to be available in the town centre. The number of seats has risen noticeably in recent months and we like to think that is due to Ken's persistent advocacy. However this significant date is a reminder that the Society and, particularly, its committee need new blood. Our monthly committee meetings rarely last longer than 90 minutes and are usually convivial affairs. Please do think about it.

I have already thanked Roger and Ken for their prodigious input in the past year. Many thanks must also be added to Madeleine Collier who keeps our books in order and watches the state of our finances, Steve Mitchell who keeps us up to date on matters planning and architectural and last but not least Lees & Brenda who willingly turn their hands to virtually anything.

The biggest thanks go to you members for without you we are nothing.

Keith Robinson

Chairman

**AYLESBURY SOCIETY ACCOUNTS AS AT 31/03/24****INCOME**

Subscriptions	1789.00
Door Money	91.70
Bank Interest	64.95
Refund deposit room hire (Town Council Chambers x 2)	100.00
Donations	
Walk by RJ King for U3A	18.00
do	60.00
do for AYL. W.I.	50.00
do for Rotary Haddenh.	62.50
GIFT AID from HMRC	341.18
Rotary of Ayl.Hundreds	569.00
donation re: Santa Float collect.	
Bucks Lottery per E.Montague	19.50
Advert for Rotary Ayl.Hundreds	20.00
Sale of goods	6.00

**TRIPS**

Crossness/Greenwich	1190.00
Alvaston Hall	20648.00
Broadstairs	500.00
Ewelme	255.00
Winchester	665.00
Christmas Dinner	970.00
Quiz door money nett	72.80
Quiz raffle	55.00

**TOTAL****27547.63**

Income	27547.63
Expenditure	-26599.14
Excess	948.49
b/fwd last year	3294.69
2024/2025 subscriptions c/fwd	365.00

**TOTAL****4608.18****EXPENDITURE**

Marsh Insurance	289.00
Subs:-County Museum	30.00
do Civic Voice	255.00
Meeting Exps.	10.95
Meetings' Exps.	55.00
Speaker – G.Rogers	50.00
Postage	210.32
Stationery	119.35
Sundries	2.50
Domain Renewal	10.79
3yr.Domain Renewal	143.71
Magazines	1,520.00
RBL-Poppy Wreath	28.99
Hall Hires:-	
Southcourt 30/11/23	52.00
Town Council 4/5/23	30.00
St.Mary's Church	50.00
Quaker's Meet.Hse.	
X 4 hirings	70.40
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Dep	37.50
Hire County Museum	
<b><u>TRIPS 2024</u></b>	
Deposit Alvaston Hall	320.00
Crossness Engines Tru:	800.00
Driver's Tip Crossness	35.00
Dickens' House Visit	88.00
Drivers' Tip Broadsts.	40.00
Alvaston Hall Trip Pyt.	20,083.00
Motts for Ewelme Trip	155.00
Driver's Tip Ewelme	35.00
Driver's Tip Alvaston	232.75
Driver's Tip Win'ter	40.00
Motts for Winchester	830.00
Christmas Dinner	974.88

**26,599.14****Money in bank as at 12 31/03/24**

Cheque Account	258.87
Savings Account	8,179.31

**TOTAL****8,438.18**



**TRIPS 2024**

Holme Lacey	1900.00
Epping and Ongar Rly.	1154.00
Twickenham	688.00
Leicester	414.00
Clevedon	84.00

**TOTAL**

**8848.18**

**TRIPS 2024**

Deposit Holme Lacey	410.00
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	

**TOTAL**

**8,848.18**

I confirm that this is a true and accurate representation of THE AYLESBURY SOCIETY accounts.

**HONORARY TREASURER**

Notes to the accounts. Members have not been required to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with Small Charities Act.

on behalf of **HEATH ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES LTD.**

**M.J. Chambers. FCCA**



27/7/24